

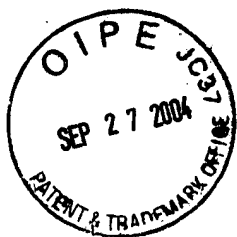
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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Docket Number (Optional) 0697500/2001 | |
| Application Number 10/618,009 | | Filed 07/11/2003 | |
| For Mud Flap | | | |
| Art Unit 3618 | | Examiner Shriver, James Allen II | |
| This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application. | | | |
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In Re: Application of Barry Andersen)
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For: Mud Flap)
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Serial No.: 10/618,009)
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Filed: July 11, 2003)

Examiner: James A. Shriver, II

Group Art Unit: 3618

September 24, 2004

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Sir:

Enclosed is a Petition For Extension of Time within which to respond to an Office Action in connection with the application identified above, a check in the amount of \$55.00 for the petition fee and a Return Receipt Postcard addressed to Applicant's attorney. Please file the Petition, mark the Postcard with the date of receipt and return the Postcard to the undersigned attorney. Thank you for your cooperation.

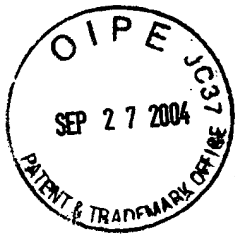
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Applicant hereby petitions the Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed on May 24, 2004, for one month from August 24, 2004 to September 24, 2004. Enclosed herewith is a check for \$55.00 to cover the fee for the extension.

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